

**LUCY ROBBINS WELLES LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 12, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Crosswaith, Marie Dowling, Dennis Doyle, Anna Eddy, Sue Halpin, Judy Igielski, Iris Larsson, Maureen O'Connor Lyons, Eric Rothauser, Diane Stamm, Trudie Walker, Sue Wright

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Palermino, Neil Ryan

STAFF

Lisa Masten, Assistant Library Director
Gail Whitney, Secretary for the Board

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

David Nagel

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Kris Nasinnyk

FRIENDS MEMBER

Natalie Harbeson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Maureen O'Connor Lyons at 7:05 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS/MINUTES

MOTION: Paul Crosswaith made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 14, 2008, Sue Wright seconded the motion, and the motion to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 14, 2008 was unanimously approved with an 12-0 vote.

Judy reported that she would send a card to Marian on behalf of the Board of Directors.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Nagel reported that at the Town Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th the tax abatement issue would be discussed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Iris stated that she had no report.

V. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marian was not in attendance. Lisa reported that the Library I Teen Services position has been posted. This was Vicki Chase's job, however the requirements have been modified a bit. Interviews should begin in June and hopefully this position will be filled by July. Sunday, May 4th was the last Sunday opening until the beginning of November. Lisa will be attending a meeting on Tuesday regarding the Garfield Street closure. Patty Foley will be receiving an award from the Friends of Connecticut Libraries at their annual meeting on June 14th which will be held at the Plainville Library. Marian and Julie Bergman nominated Patty for this award. Lisa asked the Board if they had any suggestions for honorees for the Annual Meeting. Staff has suggested the Callahan Family for all of the free bowling passes, and Newington Volunteer Ambulance for their assistance at the 5K Road Race. Maureen indicated that Vin Camilli was never officially honored for his years on the Library Board.

Lisa reported on programs: there will be two food programs on May 15th and 20th, on June 10th the Adult Summer Reading kickoff will take place with two sign-up sessions in the morning and in the evening, and on June 14th the Summer Reading kickoff will be held for all ages.

VII. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Natalie Harbeson reported that the book sale held on May 2nd through 4th has gross sales of \$24,500. She thanked the Library Board for all of their volunteer assistance. She indicated that the Friends would like to sign-up to volunteer wherever needed for the 5K Race.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PEP (Planning, Evaluation, Policy)

Neil Ryan was not in attendance. Judy reported that a potential new Library Board position would be filled with Karen Borowy. She hopes to have definite information on this for the June meeting.

B. Investment Committee

Eric reported that he spoke briefly with the accountant and a meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the reserve accounts, and the legality of the non-profit status.

C. House Committee

Marie reported that little things are being done here and there.

D. Facility and Site

Paul stated he had no report.

E. Fund Development

Anna stated she had no report, but wanted to meet with her committee after this evening's meeting to schedule a future meeting.

F. Budget

Tony was not in attendance.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. 5K Race

Eric reported that the 5K Race Committee met this evening and everything is all set for the May 18th race. Assistance is needed throughout the event. To date there are 93 registrants. Sue Halpin will pick up the fruit basket at Stew Leonard's at 8:00 AM on Sunday morning; Eric will pick up the fruit at Hometown Buffet; and Maureen will pick up the bagels at the Cedar Street Dunkin Donuts location at 7:30 AM on Sunday morning. Eric also reported that the American Radio Relay League would assist on the day of the race.

B. Foley Property – Tax Abatement

The Town Council has this on their agenda for the Tuesday, May 13th meeting.

C. Charter Revision – Revisited

The Charter Revision Committee met last week. The Library is assured that the language in the Charter Revision pertaining to the Library will remain the same.

D. Nominations

Maureen stated that she has received committee assignment requests from all but two Board members. Marie, Dennis, Tony, and Maureen will be meeting prior to the June meeting to discuss the slate of officers for the Annual Meeting.

E. Patriot Act Issues

Eric reported that a division of the Justice Department has been reviewing the issue of the FBI using national security letters. There are two bills going through Congress amending the national security letters. The FBI is looking for ways to obtain data that libraries have on individuals without offending the Patriot Act.

Sue Halpin discussed the clean up of the Foley Property with her employer who is a landscaper. Her employer feels it would cost at least \$3,000 to clean up because there is so much debris, asphalt pieces, bricks, cinder blocks, and sticks. The Board discussed this issue and indicated that the property does need to be cleaned up so no one gets hurt. Sue will ask her employer for a definite estimate and list of what needs to be done and will report back to the Board at the June meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS**A. Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8th. The regular business meeting will take place at 6:00 PM and a light supper will be served. The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Community Room. Maureen asked for volunteers to work on this committee. Sue Wright stated she would contact J Michaels Catering who catered last year. Judy will work on obtaining the gifts for the honorees. Maureen and Iris will also assist with whatever needs to be done.

B. Hanel Event

Giacoma Gates, a jazz vocalist and band, will be performing at the Town Council Chambers on Friday, October 17th at 7:00 PM. Refreshments are usually served at this event provided by the Library Board, therefore assistance with this will be discussed at the June meeting.

Anna asked if event dates could be written next to the agenda item so everyone is aware of what is coming up.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Marie Dowling made a motion to adjourn, Iris Larsson seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted at 8:00 PM with a 12-0 vote.